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"SR71 'SPY PLANE' MISSING"

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (UPI)--

SEARCH PARTIES HUNTED FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A MISSING SR71 AIRCRAFT,  
THE SLEEK, BLACK STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE JET THAT REPLACED THE U2  
SPY PLANE SERIES ONCE SHOT DOWN OVER RUSSIA.

THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED A DAY LATER THAT THE SR71 WAS MISSING  
AND PRESUMED DOWN IN REMOTE TERRAIN EAST OF HERE.

THE SR71, POWERED BY TWO HUGE JET ENGINES, IS A MORE  
ADVANCED SPY PLANE THAN THE U2 MODEL IN WHICH AMERICAN PILOT  
GARY FRANCIS POWERS WAS SHOT DOWN OVER RUSSIA IN 1960 AND CAPTURED.  
HE WAS LATER RELEASED.

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"SPY" PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND"

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, JAN. 7 (AP)

THE WRECKAGE OF A MISSING 2000-MILE-AN-HOUR RECONNAISSANCE JET AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN FOUND, AIR FORCE OFFICIALS SAID TODAY, BUT THE CIVILIAN TEST PILOT WAS NOT IN THE PLANE.

THE JET WAS SPOTTED FRIDAY FROM THE AIR ABOUT FOUR MILES SOUTHWEST OF LEITH, NEV., THE AIR FORCE SAID.

AN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER CREW THAT EXAMINED THE WRECKAGE SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED PILOT WAS IN THE CRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT.

A GROUND AND AIR SEARCH FOR THE MISSING PILOT IS CONTINUING BY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES."

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